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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 04 September 2000 (04.09.00)	
International application No. PCT/GB00/00235	Applicant's or agent's file reference HCM/C84.01/Q
International filing date (day/month/year) 28 January 2000 (28.01.00)	Priority date (day/month/year) 02 February 1999 (02.02.99)
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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

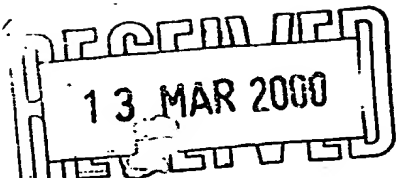
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09 August 2000 (09.08.00)

☐ in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

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☐ was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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**NOTIFICATION CONCERNING
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(PCT Administrative Instructions, Section 411)

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 02 March 2000 (02.03.00)	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
Applicant's or agent's file reference HCM/C84.01/Q	
International application No. PCT/GB00/00235	International filing date (day/month/year) 28 January 2000 (28.01.00)
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Applicant QUEST INTERNATIONAL B.V. et al	

1. The applicant is hereby notified of the date of receipt (except where the letters "NR" appear in the right-hand column) by the International Bureau of the priority document(s) relating to the earlier application(s) indicated below. Unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk appearing next to a date of receipt, or by the letters "NR", in the right-hand column, the priority document concerned was submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b).
2. This updates and replaces any previously issued notification concerning submission or transmittal of priority documents.
3. An asterisk(*) appearing next to a date of receipt, in the right-hand column, denotes a priority document submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau but not in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b). In such a case, the attention of the applicant is directed to Rule 17.1(c) which provides that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.
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<u>Priority date</u>	<u>Priority application No.</u>	<u>Country or regional Office or PCT receiving Office</u>	<u>Date of receipt of priority document</u>
02 Febr 1999 (02.02.99)	9902225.3	GB	16 Febr 2000 (16.02.00)
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference HCM/C84.01/Q	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416) FOR FURTHER ACTION	
International application No. PCT/GB00/00235	International filing date (day/month/year) 28/01/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 02/02/1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC C11D3/50		
Applicant QUEST INTERNATIONAL B.V. et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.



2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 2 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☒ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 09/08/2000	Date of completion of this report 21.05.2001
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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/GB00/00235

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):
Description, pages:

1-20 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-13 as received on 07/03/2001 with letter of 05/03/2001

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
☐ the claims, Nos.:
☐ the drawings; sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

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(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-13
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-13
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-13
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations see separate sheet

VI. Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

and / or

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
see separate sheet

ITEM V

The following documents cited in the international search report are considered to be relevant with respect to the subject-matter of the present application;

D1: GB-A-1390503 (UNILEVER LTD)

D2: EP-A-0202819 (WARNER LAMBERT CO)

Novelty, Article 33(2) PCT

D1 discloses liquid detergent compositions comprising greater than 5% by weight of a surfactant and an encapsulate comprising an active material and an anionic gum. The active material is present in an amount of greater than 10% by weight or is a fragrance present in an amount of greater than 0.5% by weight. Furthermore, the anionic gum may be cross-linked and, preferably, forms a wall of polymer gel around the core material.

D1, however, does not disclose an encapsulate including active material in a hydrated cross-linked anionic gum matrix.

D2 relates to a delivery system consisting of encapsulates comprising a cross-linked alginate or carrageenane matrix entrapping an active component.

D2, however, does neither disclose the use of such delivery systems in liquid detergent compositions comprising surfactants nor that the anionic gum matrix is hydrated.

Independent claims 1, 10 and 11 of the present application are, thus, new with respect to D1 and D2.

Dependent claims 2-9, 12 and 13 disclose preferred embodiments of the claims they refer to. These claims, thus, also meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty.

Inventive step, Article 33(3) PCT

The present application and D1 address the same problem.

The object is to provide liquid detergent compositions comprising surfactants and an encapsulate containing an active material, which encapsulate is stable on storage yet dissolves on the composition, thereby releasing the active material.

D1 solves this problem by providing an liquid aqueous medium containing an appropriate quantity of electrolyte which stabilises the capsules in this medium before dilution. On dilution of the composition with water the change in ionic strength of the liquid environment of the capsules enables the active material in the capsules to dissolve.

The present application solves the problem by using an encapsulate which comprises a hydrated cross-linked anionic gum matrix. Such encapsulates are stable in water without the presence of salt and dissolve upon dilution due to the action of diluted surfactants.

This mechanism is different to that disclosed in D1 and, therefore, not derivable from this document.

Although D2 discloses cross-linked alginate or carrageenate matrix based encapsulates as delivery systems, there is no hint in D2 whether these encapsulates are compatible with e.g. surfactants, and, thus, could be incorporated in liquid detergent compositions.

Independent claims 1, 10 and 11 of the present application are, thus, involve an inventive step with respect to D1 and D2.

Claims 2-9, 13 and 14 are dependent on claim 1, 10 and 11 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to inventive step.

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/GB00/00235

ITEM VI

The following document is considered to become relevant in the regional examination proceedings:

Publ. No.: WO-A-99/24159
Applic. No.: PCT/GB 98/03345
Priority date: 10.11.1997
Filing date: 10.11.1998
Puplic. date: 20.05.1999

ITEM VIII

The wording of the description and the amended claims is not consistent.

CLAIMS

1. A liquid detergent composition comprising at least 5% by weight of surfactant and an encapsulate
5 comprising greater than 10% by weight of the encapsulate of active material, in a hydrated cross-linked anionic gum matrix.
2. A detergent composition according to claim 1, wherein the surfactant is present at a concentration
in the range from 5 to 50% by weight.
- 10 3. A detergent composition according to claim 2, wherein the surfactant is present at a concentration
in the range from 10 to 30% by weight.
4. A detergent composition according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the surfactant is
15 selected from the group consisting of anionic, nonionic, amphoteric and zwitterionic surfactants and
mixtures thereof.
5. A detergent composition according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the
the active material comprises a fragrance.
- 20 6. A detergent composition according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the active material
is present in an amount up to 60%, preferably in the range from 20 to 40%, and particularly 25 to
30% by weight of the encapsulate.
- 25 7. A detergent composition according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the anionic gum is
present in an amount up to 5%, preferably up to 1% by weight of the encapsulate.
8. A detergent composition according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the anionic gum is
alginate, carageenan, gellan gum, carboxymethyl cellulose and/or xanthan gum.
- 30 9. A detergent composition according to claim 8, wherein the anionic gum is alginate.
10. A liquid detergent composition comprising at least 5% by weight of surfactant and an
encapsulate comprising greater than 0.5% by weight of the encapsulate of fragrance, in a hydrated
35 cross-linked anionic gum matrix.

11. A laundry liquid comprising at least 5% by weight of surfactant and an encapsulate comprising active material in a hydrated cross-linked anionic gum matrix.

12. A laundry liquid according to claim 11, wherein the liquid comprises in the range from 5 to 50%
5 by weight of anionic surfactant.

13. A laundry liquid according to claims 11 or 12, wherein the liquid additionally comprises in the range from 5 to 80% by weight of builder.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference HCM/C84.01/Q	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/GB 00/ 00235	International filing date (day/month/year) 28/01/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 02/02/1999
Applicant QUEST INTERNATIONAL B.V. et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

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☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of Invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

☐ None of the figures.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

GB 00/00235

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C1103/50 C1103/22 C11017/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 C110 A61K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	GB 1 390 503 A (UNILEVER LTD) 16 April 1975 (1975-04-16) cited in the application claims examples page 2, line 81 - line 88 page 3, line 6 - line 15 page 3, line 53 - line 79 page 3, line 111 -page 4, line 4 ---	1-14
A	EP 0 202 819 A (WARNER LAMBERT CO) 26 November 1986 (1986-11-26) claims 1-7, 11-22 page 3, line 20 -page 4, line 14 page 10, line 29 - line 33 --- -/-	1,5-12

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents :

"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance

"E" earlier document but published on or after the international filing date

"L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)

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"P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

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"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

"Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.

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Date of the actual completion of the international search

24 May 2000

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09/06/2000

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Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
P, A ✓	WO 99 24159 A (QUEST INT.) 20 May 1999 (1999-05-20) cited in the application the whole document -----	1,5-12

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

International Application No

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			CA 968248 A	27-05-1975
			DE 2215441 A	12-10-1972
			FR 2132216 A	17-11-1972
			IT 954565 B	15-09-1973
			NL 7204416 A	03-10-1972
			ZA 7202050 A	28-11-1973
EP 0202819	A	26-11-1986	US 4695463 A	22-09-1987
			AU 571372 B	14-04-1988
			AU 5765086 A	27-11-1986
			CA 1264034 A	27-12-1989
			DK 243286 A	25-11-1986
			ES 555288 D	01-08-1987
			ES 8801766 A	01-05-1988
			FI 862095 A	25-11-1986
			GR 861350 A	16-09-1986
			JP 62023434 A	31-01-1987
			NO 862059 A	25-11-1986
			NO 912643 A	25-11-1986
			ZA 8602641 A	26-11-1986
WO 9924159	A	20-05-1999	AU 1042999 A	31-05-1999

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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International Application No.

International Filing Date

Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"

Applicant's or agent's file reference
(if desired) (12 characters maximum)

HCM/C84.01/Q

Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION

Detergent Composition

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☒ all designated States except
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☐ the United States
of America only

☐ the States indicated in
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Box No. IV AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as:

☒ agent

☐ common representative

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This person is applicant for the purposes of:

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Box No.V DESIGNATION OF STATES

The following designations are hereby made under Rule 4.9(a) (mark the applicable check-boxes; at least one must be marked):

Regional Patent

- ☒ **AP** ARIPO Patent: GH Ghana, GM Gambia, KE Kenya, LS Lesotho, MW Malawi, SD Sudan, SL Sierra Leone, SZ Swaziland, TZ United Republic of Tanzania, UG Uganda, ZW Zimbabwe, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Harare Protocol and of the PCT
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- ☒ **OA** OAPI Patent: BF Burkina Faso, BJ Benin, CF Central African Republic, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroon, GA Gabon, GN Guinea, GW Guinea-Bissau, ML Mali, MR Mauritania, NE Niger, SN Senegal, TD Chad, TG Togo, and any other State which is a member State of OAPI and a Contracting State of the PCT (if other kind of protection or treatment desired, specify on dotted line)

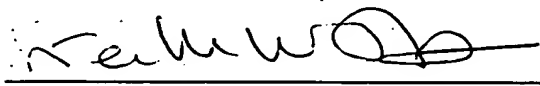
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.



2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

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- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☒ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

1-20 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-13 as received on 07/03/2001 with letter of 05/03/2001

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
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☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

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- ☐ the description, pages:
☐ the claims, Nos.:
☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

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6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-13
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-13
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-13
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VI. Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

and / or

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

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VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
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ITEM V

The following documents cited in the international search report are considered to be relevant with respect to the subject-matter of the present application;

D1: GB-A-1390503 (UNILEVER LTD)

D2: EP-A-0202819 (WARNER LAMBERT CO)

Novelty, Article 33(2) PCT

D1 discloses liquid detergent compositions comprising greater than 5% by weight of a surfactant and an encapsulate comprising an active material and an anionic gum. The active material is present in an amount of greater than 10% by weight or is a fragrance present in an amount of greater than 0.5% by weight. Furthermore, the anionic gum may be cross-linked and, preferably, forms a wall of polymer gel around the core material.

D1, however, does not disclose an encapsulate including active material in a hydrated cross-linked anionic gum matrix.

D2 relates to a delivery system consisting of encapsulates comprising a cross-linked alginate or carrageenane matrix entrapping an active component.

D2, however, does neither disclose the use of such delivery systems in liquid detergent compositions comprising surfactants nor that the anionic gum matrix is hydrated.

Independent claims 1, 10 and 11 of the present application are, thus, new with respect to D1 and D2.

Dependent claims 2-9, 12 and 13 disclose preferred embodiments of the claims they refer to. These claims, thus, also meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty.

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Inventive step, Article 33(3) PCT

The present application and D1 address the same problem.

The object is to provide liquid detergent compositions comprising surfactants and an encapsulate containing an active material, which encapsulate is stable on storage yet dissolves on the composition, thereby releasing the active material.

D1 solves this problem by providing an liquid aqueous medium containing an appropriate quantity of electrolyte which stabilises the capsules in this medium before dilution. On dilution of the composition with water the change in ionic strength of the liquid environment of the capsules enables the active material in the capsules to dissolve.

The present application solves the problem by using an encapsulate which comprises a hydrated cross-linked anionic gum matrix. Such encapsulates are stable in water without the presence of salt and dissolve upon dilution due to the action of diluted surfactants.

This mechanism is different to that disclosed in D1 and, therefore, not derivable from this document.

Although D2 discloses cross-linked alginate or carrageenate matrix based encapsulates as delivery systems, there is no hint in D2 whether these encapsulates are compatible with e.g. surfactants, and, thus, could be incorporated in liquid detergent compositions.

Independent claims 1, 10 and 11 of the present application are, thus, involve an inventive step with respect to D1 and D2.

Claims 2-9, 13 and 14 are dependent on claim 1, 10 and 11 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to inventive step.

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ITEM VI

The following document is considered to become relevant in the regional examination proceedings:

Pupl. No.: WO-A-99/24159
Applic. No.: PCT/GB 98/03345
Priority date: 10.11.1997
Filing date: 10.11.1998
Puplic. date: 20.05.1999

ITEM VIII

The wording of the description and the amended claims is not consistent.

CLAIMS

1. A liquid detergent composition comprising greater than 5% by weight of surfactant and an
5 encapsulate comprising greater than 10% by weight of the encapsulate of active material, and a
cross-linked anionic gum.
2. A detergent composition according to claim 1, wherein the surfactant is present at a concentration
in the range from 5 to 50% by weight.
- 10 3. A detergent composition according to claim 2, wherein the surfactant is present at a concentration
in the range from 10 to 30% by weight.
4. A detergent composition according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the surfactant is
15 selected from the group consisting of anionic, nonionic, amphoteric and zwitterionic surfactants and
mixtures thereof.
5. A detergent composition according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the
the active material comprises a fragrance.
- 20 6. A detergent composition according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the active material
is present in an amount up to 60%, preferably in the range from 10 to 60%, more preferably 20 to
60%, and particularly 25 to 30% by weight of the encapsulate.
- 25 7. A detergent composition according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the anionic gum is
present in an amount up to 5%, preferably up to 1% by weight of the encapsulate.
8. A detergent composition according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the anionic gum is
alginate, carageenan, gellan gum, carboxymethyl cellulose and/or xanthan gum.
- 30 9. A detergent composition according to claim 8, wherein the anionic gum is alginate.
10. A detergent composition according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the anionic gum
is hydrated.

11. A liquid detergent composition comprising greater than 5% by weight of surfactant and an encapsulate comprising greater than 0.5% by weight of the encapsulate of fragrance, and an anionic gum.

5 12. A laundry liquid comprising greater than 5% by weight of surfactant and an encapsulate comprising active material and an anionic gum.

13. A laundry liquid according to claim 12, wherein the liquid comprises in the range from 5 to 50% by weight of anionic surfactant.

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14. A laundry liquid according to claims 12 or 13, wherein the liquid additionally comprises in the range from 5 to 80% by weight of builder.